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*Scarcity of water.*

Notwithstanding the efforts of the municipality to increase and improve the water supply of the city by utilizing new pools and installing the proper plant, the supply of water continues small, and the quality of the water served is very bad. If the present system continues unsatisfactory artesian wells will be dug.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

## GERMANY.

*Report from Berlin—Plague and cholera in various countries.*

Consul-General Mason reports, March 28, as follows:

*Plague.*

*British India.*—During the week ended February 28 there were registered in the Bombay Presidency 15,033 plague cases (and 11,672 deaths), of which 1,320 cases (1,182 deaths) occurred in the city of Bombay and 58 cases (46 deaths) in Karachi.

*Mauritius.*—During the five weeks between the 2d of January and 5th of February 44 cases of plague and 27 deaths were registered on the island.

*Brazil.*—During the period from the 17th of January to the 20th of February 6 deaths from plague occurred in Rio de Janeiro.

*Cholera.*

*Dutch India.*—According to official bulletins there were registered in Batavia between the 19th of December and 1st of January 4 cases of cholera and 1 death. In Samarang between the 10th of December and 13th of January there occurred 46 cases and 36 deaths. In Soerabaya there were registered between the 21st of December and the 24th of January 82 cases of cholera and 63 deaths. In Palembang there occurred between the 20th and 26th of December 1 case and 1 death. In Padamaron there occurred between the 8th and 14th of January 2 cases and 2 deaths, and in Sampang (Madura) between the 19th of December and 24th of January 4 cases and 2 deaths.

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## HAWAII.

*Report on the plague situation at Hilo.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Cofer, chief quarantine officer for Hawaii, reports, March 30, as follows:

I have the honor to make the following report on the plague situation at Hilo, island of Hawaii, and the action taken by this office as a result of my recent visit to that place. On March 9 I cabled that a death from plague had occurred at Hilo. It was not until March 22 that the report was officially verified. On this date, however, I received a letter from Acting Assistant Surgeon Grace, who reported 2 new cases of plague at Hilo with 1 death. President C. B. Cooper, of the Hawaiian Territorial board of health, received similar information from Dr. Stow, his representative at Hilo. Upon the authority of your cablegram of March 23 I left Honolulu Tuesday, and